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Title: INSPECTION OF SURFACES

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

3. (amended) A device as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the device includes a beam splitter (21) which splits a light beam (13) into at least two sub-beams (13.2; 13.3) that interfere with one another.

REMARKS

The foregoing amendments to claim 3 was made solely to avoid filing the claim in the multiple dependent form so as to avoid the

additional filing fee.

The claim was not amended in order to address issues of patentability and Applicants respectfully reserve all rights they may have under the Doctrine of Equivalents. Applicants furthermore reserve their right to reintroduce subject matter deleted herein at a later time during the prosecution of this application or continuing applications.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX

3. (amended) A device as claimed in ~~one of the claims 1 or 2~~claim
1, characterized in that the device includes a beam splitter (21)
which splits a light beam (13) into at least two sub-beams (13.2;
13.3) that interfere with one another.

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